

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall) & 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (29th): NO MASS
Tues. (30th): 7:00 pm- +Helen Krasowski
Wed. (31st): **6:30 pm**- +Gladys Molnar
Thurs. (1st): 9:00 am- Art Scherr
Fri. (2nd): 9:00 am- +Henry Tratch
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
Sat. (3rd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Orest Derkach

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
Jerry & Louise Farkus
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Madeleine Colbow

Sun. (4th): *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Marion Novakowski

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
Tues. (30th): 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
Wed. (31st): 7:00 pm- CWL General/Garage Sale Meeting
Fri. (2nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (3rd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (4th): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class #1

New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

Has your address or phone number changed recently? Please contact the Parish Office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE: *Saturday, September 3rd will be the last mass celebrated at Good Spirit Lake Hall this year.*

Get someone else to blow your horn and the sound will carry twice as far. *– Will Rogers*

Please join us in honouring the



On their 100th Anniversary of dedicated service to Yorkton & Area

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Divine Liturgy - 4:30 pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Gathering - 6:00 pm and Banquet - 6:30 pm (Program to follow)
at St. Gerard Parish Hall

Banquet Tickets - Adults: \$25
Available at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Office
(for other locations please check the poster on the bulletin board)



**NOTICE OF CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS
CHRIST THE TEACHER R.C.S.S.D. NO. 212
SCHOOL DIVISION ELECTIONS**

Nominations will be received for the position of Board of Education Member for Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 212 as follows:

- City of Yorkton - four (4) positions
- City of Melville - three (3) positions
- Sub-division No. 1 (Theodore & surrounding rural area) - one (1) position
- Sub-division No. 2 (Geographic area surrounding Melville) - one (1) position
- Sub-division No. 3 (Rural area surrounding Yorkton) - one (1) position

For the positions within the City of Yorkton, nomination papers may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 37 Third Ave. N, Yorkton, and are to be completed and returned to the City of Yorkton on between September 6 and September 20 during regular business hours. For more information see the Notice of Call for Nominations available at each entrance to the church.

For the positions within the City of Melville and Sub-divisions No. 1, 2 and 3 nomination papers may be obtained at the School Division Office, 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton, and are to be returned to the Division Office during regular business hours from September 6 to September 20. For more information see the Notice of Call for Nominations available at each entrance to the church.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



August 29 - September 2, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Thurs.	First Day of School					
Fri.						

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Classes are scheduled for September 4, 11 & 18 at 7pm! Please call the office as soon as possible to register. 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The **Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist** preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449

Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs only at the Parish

AND: In the Archdiocese of Regina, there is no charge or fee associated with receiving the sacraments. At St. Gerard Church, all required supplies are provided by the parish.



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!! You are invited to choir rehearsals! Check the bulletin for days and times.

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
ARE YOU EAGER TO
SERVE THE LORD AT SUNDAY MASS?

Please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093 for information about registering your child/youth for the St. Gerard Youth Choir!



News from the CWL



August 31 - General/Garage Sale meeting @ 7pm

Summer cleaning? Keep the CWL Garage Sale in mind! You can drop off garage sale items at the bottom of the east entrance stairs by the CWL Room all through August!

Monday to Friday 8am-noon/1pm-4pm

For more info. contact Rosella (306)782-7042

It's the sale you wait for!

St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Sept. 8th - 9am to 8pm

Friday, Sept. 9th - 9am to noon

Coffee & Pie Special ** Produce Table



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Pope Francis has proclaimed September 1st as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, as the Orthodox Church did in 1989. You are invited to remember the earth in a special way during your prayer on this day. To hear Pope Francis' message, find prayers for the earth written by Pope Francis or learn what you can do to begin to heal the planet go to <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>

St. Patrick (Sturgis) CWL presents "**Caring for the Dying**" with Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Ph.D on **August 31, 2016** at Club 60 in Preeceville. There will be two FREE two hour sessions at 1pm or at 7pm.

A presentation about Christian spirituality for the dying and those who care for the dying.

For more info. contact Donna 306.547.3344 or Brittany 306.814.7701.

"Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you" – Blessed Mother Teresa

Good News!

August 28, 2016

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a / Lk 14:1, 7–14

In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. "One of the things I was taught early on," he said, "is that you are not the most important person in the scene." The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to "serve a common idea." When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus' parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us. Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

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Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website?? www.stgerard.ca

It is easy to use and is compatible with devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our **Mass Schedule** for the upcoming 7 days is now available **on every page** of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in the Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections.

Catechism Theme: The Fruits of Holy Communion (CCC 1391-1397)

Jesus gave his contemporaries advice on banquet etiquette, as if God's Kingdom were realized. The Eucharist represents the banquet of the Kingdom. Hence the advice he gave then applies to us.

Eucharist creates a unity. Christ unites himself with his followers. And his followers unite to form Church. In Eucharist, there is no reason for social climbing or displays of power. All are one in Christ.

More important, Eucharist empowers us to act for others. It strengthens us against the self-centered nature of sin. It directs us to serve others, especially the poor. If we truly celebrate Eucharist for what it is, we would honour the weakest among us, for they represent God with us. For God's Kingdom is theirs.

How do you honour the weakest among your circle of friends? How does their honour remind you of Christ?

What is the real test of banquet etiquette? For Jesus, it can be summed up in one word: humility. The humble guest will be honoured. And the host who serves the truly humble will be repaid by God himself. True humility equalizes social place and power status. Humility is the right manners for the Kingdom.

Jesus implied that the Christian community itself must have humility as a core virtue. When we, as the community, gather to share Communion, do we really celebrate the Lord's meal? Or, is it my meal, my place, my time? This is the real test of Christian humility.

Reflect on your Mass manners. Do they truly extend love to others? Or, do they merely focus on the self? This Sunday, try to change one or two manners. And see if that improves your celebration experience.

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Holiness is not in one exercise or another, it consists in a disposition of the heart, which renders us humble and little in the hands of God, conscious of our weakness but confident, even daringly confident, in his fatherly goodness.

– St. Therese of Lisieux

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Choose a Humble Seat"

This Week...

Humility is joy. Those who are humble are treated well by others. They bring joy, and they receive joy in return. This is true when we approach a wedding feast or when we approach the heavenly feast of God's banquet.

For Your Reflection

Jesus advises us to be humble, and not to assume that we have a higher position or status than others. That way we won't be embarrassed if someone else comes along whose status is actually higher than ours.

A lot of status-lowering is done with put-downs. Every time you put someone down, it is an attempt to lower that person's status and to raise your own.

- How does status-lowering relate to what Jesus asks us to do?
- Paying a compliment to another person raises their status. If your compliment is accepted with grace, your status is also raised. If your compliment is rejected, or coupled with a put-down against you, your status is then lowered. How often does this happen?
- It seems to be more of a risk to compliment a person than it is to put someone down. Yet Jesus asks us to take that risk. Are you willing to risk giving compliments?
- Are you willing to stop dishing out put-downs and to start giving more compliments to others? Why or why not? What would Jesus say about this decision?

Jesus challenges us to include people of the lowest status in our social activities.

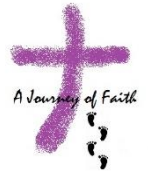
- When you have a party or when you are in the position of inviting someone to go to a movie or an athletic event with you, do you tend to seek out the most popular people with the highest social status? Or do you seek out the people who are least popular and sometimes made fun of? Why?
- Do you think Jesus' challenge is unrealistic, or do you think it is what the world needs? How so?
- What would Jesus tell teenagers directly if he were a verbal, flesh-and-blood part of the conversation?



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith please contact Fr. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email office@stgerard.ca

And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.



LOST SOMETHING?

Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in our city on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca or check the website:

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